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Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. In Boston, prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on the remainder. In Philadelphia, prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance. In Florida, prices were higher on the heavy weights but lower on the lighter eggs. The trade sentiment ranged about steady to barely steady, instances weak in California. However, market conditions improved in the North-east as movement increased due to the development of severe weather conditions. Demand was light to moderate, best for feature activity. Supplies were adequate in all areas except California, which had lighter offerings. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were adequate for slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia prices were unchanged to 2.5 cents lower on medium and unchanged on the balance. In Boston prices for extra large and large were unchanged to 2 cents lower and unchanged on medium. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed. Retail demand was improving as consumers prepared for forecasted inclement weather. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for only a fair demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for current requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged entering the week. The market tone was about steady to steady. Retail demand was improving as forecasted winter storms stimulate consumer buying interest. Supplies were adequate for current requirements.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were lower for all sizes. Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. Retail demand was light to moderate and best for feature activity. Food service movement was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available on all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were lower on all sizes. However, in Florida, prices were higher on the larger sizes but lower on the balance. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels was mostly light, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending March 2, 2001 was 72.65 cents, 0.54 cents less than the previous week, but 19.55 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample and demand for additional product was only fair. Light type fowl were adequate for slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices 6 cents lower on jumbo, 5 cents lower on extra large and large, 4 cents lower on medium and small in California, 4 cents lower on all sizes in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings in close balance inside the region, ample from outside.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	73-75	70-73	57-60
Philadelphia	71-73	69-71	56-58.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	65-66	63.5-65	49-50
Jackson (1)	73-74	72-73	58-59
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	70-85	69-83	53-67
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-65	59-64	44-49
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-64	57-62	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	59-66	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	78-81	75-77	59-61
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	97	89	79
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 6 cents lower on jumbo, 5 cents lower on extra large and large, and 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate, good to planned features. Local offerings light. Small invoice price 59. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79-129, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets-large dozen 79-99.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	109	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	97	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	89	LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	79	MEDIUM	149-199
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 09, 2001 will increase by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 02, 2001 were 260,796 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and 17 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
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Cases purchased present week.....	222,247	38,549	260,796
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% change from the prior week.....	+6	+12	+7
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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-39	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced to normal at processing plants with product adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was only steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-MAR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.5 CENTS/LB.	6.5-8	7.64
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* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. However, trading was lighter with offerings short of full needs. Demand was moderate to occasionally good but most buyers were still unaggressive. Processing schedules were in a range of less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-MAR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10 CENTS/LB.	7-9	7.84
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AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 05,2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.4	21.7	6.1	14.1	11.5	63.8
	Change	0.1	4.4	0.5	2.7	1.5	17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.1	48.5	12.9	36.3	24.8	145.6
	Change	-0.4	6.3	2.0	8.7	3.9	16%
Large	Curr Wk	43.7	90.4	65.5	74.3	84.6	358.5
	Change	-0.8	-1.5	-3.8	3.6	-1.7	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.3	41.9	15.2	22.5	18.8	114.7
	Change	3.3	7.0	-0.1	-2.0	2.0	10%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	11.6	1.4	4.9	5.4	28.0
	Change	-0.3	1.7	-1.5	-2.8	1.0	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	8.0	21.9	4.0	14.0	4.4	52.3
	Change	-3.6	2.1	-0.5	2.1	-1.1	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.7	49.1	27.4	35.8	31.6	170.6
	Change	-0.6	8.1	3.6	2.4	4.7	12%
Total	Curr Wk	132.9	285.1	132.5	201.9	181.1	933.5
Percent	Change	-2%	11%	0%	8%	6%	6%
TOTAL			Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	933.5	6%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	280.0	10%	38

Total Shell Egg	1213.5	7%	208
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast	- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central	- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central	- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic	- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific	- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	175	171.9	162.9	111.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 19, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	136	136	126	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 02, 2001**CURRENT LOADS** 18.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 14.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 33.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	44.75	47.50	45.50	48.00	42.50	—	GNR W 1	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	—	53.50	2.00	GNR W 1	—	47.00
GNR W 4	—	—	32.00	32.50	31.00	—	GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.25	1.00	GNR W 4	—	—
GL W XL	—	—	—	54.50	49.25	—	GL W XL	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	58.00	59.63	4.00	GL W XL	50.00	—
GL W LG	—	—	—	52.00	—	—	GL W LG	47.00	—	—	—	—	—	60.50	63.00	2.50	GL W LG	47.00	—
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	35.00	—	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.50	45.40	1.25	GL W MD	—	—
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	28.00	—	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.50	46.00	.25	GL BR MD	—	—
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38.50	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—
NRBS - 42	—	—	24.00	25.00	—	—											NRBS - 42	—	—
NRBS - 39	—	—	13.00	15.00	—	—											NRBS - 39	—	—

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/26/01-03/02/01**CURRENT LOADS** 141.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 115.50 **TOTAL LOADS** 256.50

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	45.64	48.00	45.70	46.56	42.13	—	89.50	GNR W 1	44.00	48.80	—	—	—	52.88	14.50		
GNR W 2	—	—	41.83	43.67	—	—	3.00	GNR W 4	—	37.00	—	—	—	41.25	1.50		
GNR W 3	—	—	32.75	33.75	35.00	36.50	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 4	—	—	32.00	32.50	31.29	32.50	4.50	GL W J	57.00	—	—	—	—	61.71	4.25		
GNR BR 1	—	—	47.50	49.25	—	—	3.50	GL W XL	51.59	54.00	—	—	58.00	60.06	17.25		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.75	—	4.00	GL W LG	48.20	54.00	—	53.50	60.50	56.77	17.75		
GL W XL	49.00	55.85	52.25	54.38	49.00	50.50	39.75	GL W MD	36.89	38.00	—	—	50.50	43.45	7.25		
GL W LG	—	56.00	51.00	50.46	45.40	—	29.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	29.00	43.50	46.00	1.25		
GL W MD	—	—	43.00	44.50	34.33	33.50	17.75	GL BR LG	55.00	—	—	63.00	—	—	1.00		
GL W SM	26.50	27.88	22.00	25.75	24.50	—	5.00	GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	38.50	1.00		
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	28.00	—	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	34.13	36.67	29.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	24.67	25.67	—	—	.75										
NRBS - 39	—	—	13.33	15.00	23.50	25.00	2.75										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 02/18/01 - 02/24/01

State	# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	Total State
	Northern, CA	Central, CA	Southern, CA	
Colorado	0.00	0.00	4,032.00	4,032.00
Indiana	0.00	0.00	1,670.00	1,670.00
Iowa	2,340.00	712.00	25,918.00	28,970.00
Michigan	0.00	0.00	828.00	828.00
Minnesota	0.00	0.00	9,280.00	9,280.00
Missouri	0.00	0.00	9,147.00	9,147.00
Nevada	0.00	0.00	624.00	624.00
New Hampshire	0.00	0.00	850.00	850.00
New Jersey	0.00	0.00	850.00	850.00
Ohio	800.00	3,247.00	1,750.00	5,797.00
Oregon	2,245.00	2,667.00	0.00	4,912.00
Utah	1,885.00	4,250.00	2,230.00	8,365.00
Washington	0.00	1,296.00	900.00	2,196.00
Wisconsin	450.00	0.00	1,460.00	1,910.00
TOTAL	7,720.00	12,172.00	59,539.00	79,431.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	7,720.00	12,172.00	59,539.00	79,431.00

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	85-88	74-77	60-63	21-24

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
65-68	56-62	54-59	38-43	27-31

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-41	23-25	11-13

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
80.96	79.96	66.65	48.27

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/26/01	02/19/01	2/28/00
PACIFIC COAST	86	106	120
LOS ANGELES	59	77	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 02/18/01-02/24/01

30-dozen cases 5,270

Receipts from the mainland: 02/11/01-02/17/01

30-dozen cases 4,859

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